

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment amends claims 2-8, cancels claims 1 and 13-16. Now pending in the application are claims 2-12, of which claims 2 and 8 are independent.

Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 8-12 are indicated to recite patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Amendments

Applicants amend claim 2 and 8 to rewrite in independent form incorporating the limitations of based claim 1. Claims 3-7 are amended to depend from claim 2. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3-7 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,478,293 in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,024,770.

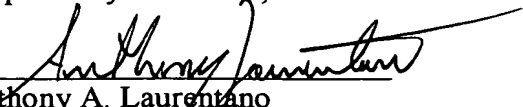
In the forgoing claim amendments, claims 1 and 15-16 are canceled and claims 3-7 are amended to depend from claim 2, which is indicated to recite patentable subject matter. Claims 3-7, which depend from claim 2, are not rendered obvious over the cited prior art references. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 3-7 and 15-16, and pass the claims to allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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